



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

CHILDREN'S VISION AND LEARNING MONTH

- WHEREAS: Many Georgia students suffer from undiagnosed and untreated vision problems. As such, the beginning of the new school year presents a valuable opportunity to highlight the importance of good vision and its connection to learning; and
- WHEREAS: According to the College of Optometrists in Vision Development, as many as one in four school-age children have vision problems that could interfere with learning. However, roughly 18 million children nationwide will not complete eye examinations with a doctor of Optometry or other certified vision care professional before entering school; and
- WHEREAS: The American Optometric Association estimates that 60 percent of students identified as "problem learners" have undetected vision problems; and
- WHEREAS: From reading to writing, optimal vision is essential to the learning process and provides a strong foundation for a student's academic career; and
- WHEREAS: All children deserve the opportunity to learn and achieve their full potential. Therefore, greater public awareness will help to ensure Georgia students receive the proper care and treatment to achieve success both in the classrooms of today and the workforce of the future; and
- WHEREAS: During Children's Vision and Learning Month, health care providers such as the Pediatric Vision Development Center work to educate parents, teachers, school nurses, administrators, and the general public about the importance of good vision for Georgia's students; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim August 2018 as CHILDREN'S VISION AND LEARNING MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 20th day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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